Unutilised machines at AIIMS

1556. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hi-tech machines used to repair medical equipments are rusting at AIIMS;

(b) whether among the 40 odd equipments donated by the Australian Government twenty have been declared discarded;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether services of the workshop employees are being utilized to the utmost possible?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Australian Government had donated machines to the Institute 33 years ago. The machines some of which became unserviceable and obsolete were recommended for condemnation by the Condemnation Board of AIIMS. The services of the Workshop Employees of the Institute are being utilised as per their skills for repairs of various machines/ equipments of the Institute.

ILL effects of mosquitoes repellents

†1557. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of mosquitoes are increasing continuously;

(b) whether mosquitoes repelling agents like Goodnight, Allout and Kachua Agarbatti are harmful to health; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The mosquito revalence varies with season and usually increases during the monsoon season.

(b) and (c) A multicentric questionnaire based study carried out by ICMR's Malaria Research Centre, Delhi stated to have revealed that use of mosquito repellents manifest allergic reactions like

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

breathing problems, headache, eye irritation, cough cold etc. which subsides subsequently to the withdrawal of use of repellent. According to ICMR, Central Insecticide Board (CIB) which regulates the use of insecticides, bio-larvicides and repellents in the country has an inbuilt mechanism to evaluate the bio-efficacy and toxicity of insecticides/ repellents to non-target organism including human subjects and allow registration and use of only those insecticides/repellents which fulfill the standards bio-efficacy and safety norms.

Funds for waste management in hospitals

1558. DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released any funds for the State Government hospitals of Andhra Pradesh for hospital waste management;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last four years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to cover more hospitals for the purpose in the State in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) No funds have been released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Hospital Waste Management during the last 4 years. This Scheme has been discontinued and is no longer in operation.

Affairs of NACO

1559. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no estimates have been prepared or circulated in respect of the expenditure and activities of the National AIDS Control Organisation for the year 2003-04;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the same are likely to be prepared and published?